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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry

Under 35 USC § 371 from

the International Application of :

AQUINO, Melissa Dee et al. :

Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/26969 :

Filed in the RO/US on 16 November 1999:

Entitled: Oder-Neutralizing And Liquid-Absorbing Trash Bags

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims as follows:

*Sub 2*  
A container according to claim 2 which additionally is characterized by a means for the closure and sealing of the container.

4. A container according to claim 3 wherein the container is a flexible bag.

*Sub 3*  
A container according to claim 4 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition is characterized by an ingredient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrin, activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling materials, zeolite, silica and mixtures thereof.

*Sub 4*  
6. A container according to claim 5 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further is characterized by a chelant.